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Public Invited to First Northgate Community Forum

The Northgate Stakeholder's Group, a citizen advisory group to the Mayor and City Council, wants to hear the public's opinion on major projects coming to the Northgate area.

Their first community forum will focus on three main topics: drainage and open space options to benefit Thornton Creek, Northgate south lot development, and the Northgate Area Coordinated Transportation Investment Plan. The forum will be held on Thursday, May 13, 6-9 p.m., in the North Seattle Community College Cafeteria (located in the College Center Building).

The community forum will begin with an open house (6-6:50 p.m.) where stakeholders and City staff will be available to answer questions. The remainder of the meeting will be divided into three parts to discuss each of the topics, starting with the drainage and open space options to benefit Thornton Creek.

The Northgate Stakeholders Group is expected to continue their work through the remainder of 2004 and the public is welcome to attend their regular working sessions. Their next session will be held Tuesday, May 11, 2004, 4-7 p.m., at North Seattle Community College, Room ED2843A (in the Dr. Peter Ku Education Building).

For more information on the community forum, stakeholder working sessions, or projects planned for Northgate, visit the new "Northgate Revitalization" website at www.seattle.gov/dpd/planning/northgate or contact:

Mark Troxel, DPD Planner, (206) 615-1739, mark.troxel@seattle.gov

DPD's Work Supports Mayor Nickels' Priorities

Mayor Greg Nickels has set four main priorities for his administration. DPD is pleased to be a key player in activities that support all of these priorities.

Priority #1: Get Seattle Moving

DPD is a partner in the planning and permitting of several major transportation projects currently underway in Seattle. For example, planners at DPD are staffing the Seattle Monorail Project review panel and developing design guidelines for the monorail stations. DPD planners, engineers and inspectors are working on the construction of the middle segment of the Light Rail project, including related permits for adjoining properties affected by construction, and will be involved in developing plans for the north segment.

DPD planners are also heading up work on the Central Waterfront Plan, which is closely aligned with the impending replacement of the Alaskan Way Viaduct. Currently a joint Seattle Design Commission and Seattle Planning

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City Planning, a part of Seattle's Department of Planning and Development, is responsible for six planning- and design-related activities:

- Area Planning
- Comprehensive & Regional Planning
- Land Use Policy
- CityDesign—the City's urban design function
- Seattle Design Commission
- Seattle Planning Commission

“Working together to articulate, advocate, and advance our community's vision for an exceptional and vibrant Seattle.”

Presentation and Exhibit Showcases Visions for Seattle's Future Central Waterfront

Around 600 people attended an April 7 presentation and exhibit of design visions for Seattle's central waterfront that resulted from the Central Waterfront Visioning Charette.

During the February 2004 charrette almost 300 citizens and design professionals from around the world volunteered two full days of their time to contribute new ideas.

At the April charrette presentation and exhibit event DPD Director Diane Sugimura introduced Mayor Greg Nickels, who encouraged all to continue participation in planning for the central waterfront. The feature presentation—a PowerPoint narrated by C.R. Douglas—summarized the work of all 22 charrette volunteer teams, as well as seven key themes that emerged from the charrette.

The graphic work of all the teams was also displayed at the Bell Harbor International Conference Center at Pier 66. The PowerPoint presentation and team graphics will be available for public viewing on the Central Waterfront Plan website at www.seattle.gov/dpd/centralwaterfront in early May.

The City of Seattle will unveil a concept plan for the central waterfront in fall 2004. For more information, visit the “Central Waterfront Plan” website at the address above or send an email to waterfrontplan@seattle.gov.

Monorail Station Area Planning Update

As community feedback is an important part of station area planning for the monorail, City planners have been meeting with community groups and neighborhood associations over the past few months to gather input on desired actions and investments that would make the monorail function and thrive throughout the neighborhoods it will serve.

The City's station area planning team will be hosting its second round of citywide community meetings in June to discuss draft station area action plans for the proposed Green Line. These action plans will address issues of access to the stations, opportunities for creating and defining places in the station areas, and necessary stewardship of community and neighborhood resources in the station areas.

While the Seattle Monorail Project (SMP) is responsible for the design of the stations and guideway, the City of Seattle is responsible for identifying needed actions and investments in the area surrounding each station. Station area planning is the City's complementary activity to the design of the monorail stations and guideway.

For more information and a summary of the first round of community meetings held December through February, visit the City's “Integrating the Monorail” website at www.seattle.gov/monorail or contact:

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Workshops to Encourage Public Input on Neighborhood Business Districts

At six upcoming workshops, DPD will talk with neighborhoods about strategies and tools that would support pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use communities that provide housing, jobs, and goods and services.

These workshops follow an open house, held on April 13, where the City of Seattle's Neighborhood Business District Strategy (NBDS) was first introduced. As an effort to stimulate and enliven neighborhood centers where people interact and essential goods, services, and jobs are provided, NBDS' objectives are to:

- support job creation and business vitality
- protect and enhance neighborhood character
- improve the pedestrian environment
- provide for housing growth in neighborhood business districts
- achieve quality design through development flexibility
- support transit connections

- balance parking needs
- make the Land Use Code easier to use

NBDS responds to changing conditions and reflects neighborhood plan goals, including an emphasis on pedestrian-oriented commercial centers within the city.

Public participation is important to the success of NBDS. The coming workshops will provide residents, property owners, and business owners an opportunity to advise City planners about the future of these areas.

At the workshops, small groups will discuss where in their neighborhood's commercial zones it is important to maintain pedestrian-oriented retail or other commercial activity at the street level, or where residential development may be allowed or preferred. Defining areas where ground-level retail uses are required is critical to maintain healthy, successful business

"The goal of this effort is more walkable, pedestrian-oriented environments where business enterprises thrive; well-designed structures that respond to neighborhood character; increased housing opportunities that make it possible to meet the challenges of growth; and protection of our city's most prized values."

John Skelton
Land Use Policy Manager

districts. Allowing other uses, including residences, at ground level, can provide flexibility in areas where the retail market is not ripe, help increase housing opportunities, and help reduce vacant storefronts.

For more information, contact:

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NBDS WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Aurora/Northgate Area

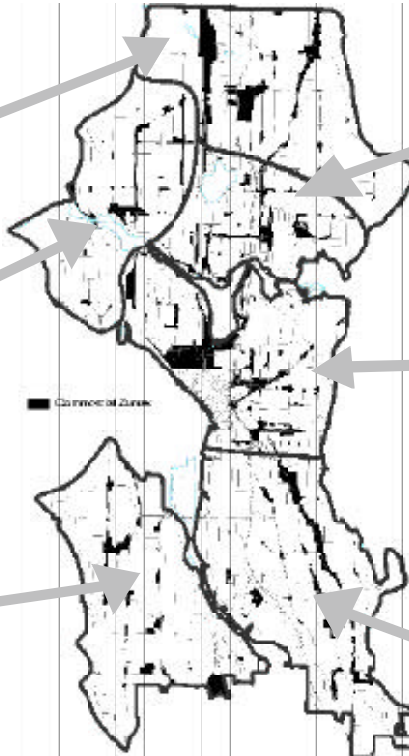
Monday, June 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Bitter Lake Community Center

Ballard, Crown Hill, Greenwood-Phinney Ridge, Magnolia

Tuesday, June 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Loyal Heights Community Center
2101 NW 77th St.

West Seattle Area

Tuesday, June 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
South Seattle Community College
JMB Building, Rm. B



Fremont, Green Lake, Ravenna, Roosevelt, University, Wallingford

Monday, June 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
John Stanford International School
4057 5th Ave NE

Capitol Hill, Central Area, Eastlake, First Hill, Madison Park, Madison-Miller, Pike/ Pine, Queen Anne, South Lake Union, Uptown

Tuesday, June 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Seattle Central Community College
Rm. 1110

Beacon Hill, Columbia City, Georgetown, MLK@Holly, North Rainier, Rainier Beach, Rainier Valley

Wednesday, June 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Rainier Community Center
4600 38th Ave. S



Seattle City Council Chambers are located on the second floor of the new City Hall at 600 Fourth Avenue in downtown Seattle.

Viewing Legislation

Electronic versions of ordinances are available on the Seattle City Clerk's website at <http://clerk.ci.seattle.wa.us/~public/leghome.htm>.

Printed copies are available from the DPD staff member listed here or from the DPD Public Resource Center, 20th floor of Key Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue, (206) 684-8467.

Attending Hearings

Seattle City Council committee agendas and hearing schedules are available online at www.seattle.gov/council. Information is also available from the legislative assistant who staffs the committee reviewing the legislation by calling (206) 684-8888 or TDD (206) 233-0025.

Public hearings are held in Council Chambers on the second floor of the new City Hall at 600 Fourth Avenue. The building entrance is on Fifth Avenue between Cherry and James streets. The Chambers are physically accessible and print and communications access are provided by advance request.

For those who wish to testify, a sign-up sheet is available outside the Council Chambers a half-hour before the hearing. For those unable to attend the public hearing, comments are accepted in advance.

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New Hearing Date for Rainier Beach Rezones

A public hearing to discuss the proposed Rainier Beach Urban Village rezones, detailed in the last two issues of *dpdINFO*, has been rescheduled for May 12, 2004.

The rezones, proposed to help implement the Rainier Beach Neighborhood Plan, aim to create a more pedestrian-oriented neighborhood business district in the area around S. Henderson Street, and Renton and Rainier Avenues South.

The proposal was originally presented by DPD staff at the March 10 meeting of the City Council's Urban Development and Planning Committee. Public testimony at the meeting generated interest in additional rezone options. DPD staff is analyzing the following new options and preparing them for committee consideration:

- Eliminating "split-zoning" (one property with two or more zoning designations) consisting of Lowrise 3 and Single Family zones, by adjusting the Lowrise 3 boundary to the rear property lines of approximately seven properties along S. Henderson Street;
- Retaining Commercial C1-40' zoning on most of one block of S. Director Street; and
- Retaining Midrise zoning on the Barton Place Apartments site.

For more information about the proposed rezones and options, please contact:

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An update
from Seattle's
Design
Review
Program

Nine Citizens Appointed to Second Terms

Seattle City Council reappointed nine citizens to serve second terms on Seattle's Design Review Boards on April 19, 2004. These board members, who will serve until April 2006, include:

Member	Representing	Board
Kathryn Armstrong	Developer (at large)	QA/Magnolia
Ben Bakkenta	Community (at large)	Southeast
Catherine Benotto	Community (at large)	West Seattle
Shauna Decker	Design Professional (at large)	Northeast
Gordon Lagerquist	Residential (local)	Northwest
Andrew Miller	Developer (at large)	Northwest
Linda Moriarty	Design Professional (at large)	Downtown
Albert Torrico	Developer (at large)	Northeast
Blaine Weber	Community (at large)	Downtown

The city's seven neighborhood-based Design Review Boards are staffed entirely by volunteers who are either professionals in the design, development and business fields, or are members of the community with knowledge and interest in urban design and development. Collectively, board members donate more than 2,500 hours of professional service to the city annually.

Background on Design Review Program

Seattle's Design Review Program was established in 1994 in order to provide flexibility to the Land Use Code and to improve the quality of urban design throughout the city. Since the program's inception, over 800 projects have been reviewed by the city's Design Review Boards. During this time project appeals have dropped from 25 percent to less than two percent.

In 2000, development projects reviewed by Design Review Boards accounted for \$446 million of the \$1 billion in building permits issued by the city for new multi-family and commercial projects. For additional information, please contact:

Vince Lyons, Design Review Program Manager
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Tom Iurino, DPD Planner
(206) 684-0435, tom.iurino@seattle.gov

Council Considers Board Changes

Proposed changes to Seattle's Design Review Program would allow experienced board members whose terms have expired to continue participating in the program. They would also give the program manager more flexibility in making individual and full board substitutions.

The changes would provide a more representative "substitute" board than the current Land Use Code provision, which has only three "at-large" members designated and has proved to an unsatisfactory arrangement for making desired connections to the seven individual board districts and sub-neighborhoods.

Under the code amendments being considered, DPD could form a single substitute board (and/or one for each district) and also assign an individual former board member to fill in for a given position that has become vacant. A district substitute board would be made up of individuals chosen from a roster of former board members who have served in that district. These members have gained invaluable experience that the manager can utilize to substitute for a board which is experiencing a high level of new project reviews and operating at capacity. This type of substitute board would have more legitimacy with the community.

The City Council's Urban Development and Planning Committee will hold a public hearing to take comments on the proposed amendments on:

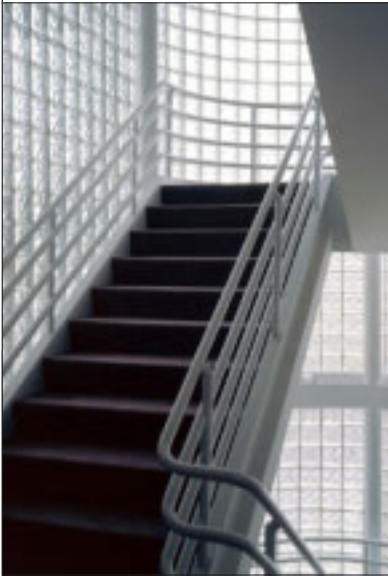
May 12, 2004, 2:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
2nd floor, Seattle City Hall
600 Fourth Avenue

Questions concerning the proposed code amendments may be directed to:

Vince Lyons
Design Review Program Manager
(206) 233-3823
vince.lyons@seattle.gov

For details on attending public hearings, see sidebar on pg. 4 or contact:

Neil Powers in Councilmember
Steinbrueck's office
(206) 684-8804
neil.powers@seattle.gov



Get to
know the *i-codes*

New Codes Coming in Summer 2004

Visit our New Tech Codes Website

Seattle's draft amendments to the 2003 International Codes are available now on DPD's new Technical Codes website at www.seattle.gov/dpd/techcodes. This site also provides links to codes, related resources, key staff contacts, and information on Seattle's Construction Codes Advisory Board.

Watch for I-Codes Flyer Series Coming Soon

Be watching for a new series of DPD flyers, called "Get to Know the I-Codes," coming in May. This informative series will explore the differences between the Uniform and International Codes.

The flyers will be posted on our new Technical Codes website at www.seattle.gov/dpd/techcodes. Printed copies will be available from our Public Resource Center, located on the 20th floor of Key Tower at 700 Fifth Avenue, (206) 684-8467.

International Codes Replacing Uniform Codes

The 2003 editions of the International Building, Residential, Mechanical and Fire Codes (I-Codes) will replace the Uniform Codes in Seattle this summer. DPD is expecting the codes to take effect in Seattle in early August 2004.

Applicants may use the I-Codes before Seattle formally adopts them, but should call (206) 684-8850 for a presubmittal conference before proceeding with design. During the 60-day period after the effective date, applicants can choose to use either the I-Codes or the Uniform Codes.

NOTE: The Uniform Plumbing Code, National Electrical Code, and WA State Energy Code with Seattle amendments will continue to be enforced in Seattle and Washington.

Purchasing Codes

Copies of the new I-Codes can be purchased from:

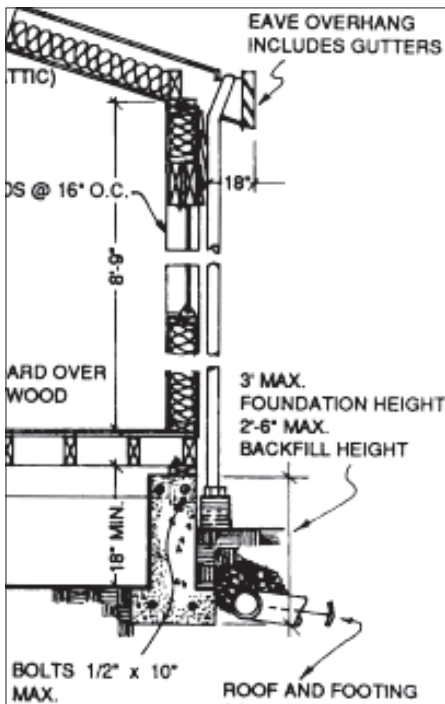
- WA Association of Building Officials (360) 586-6725, www.wabo.org
- International Code Council (800) 284-4406, www.iccsafe.org

Code Trainings

The following groups offer code trainings in the Puget Sound area:

- WA Assn. of Building Officials
(360) 586-6725, www.wabo.org
- International Code Council
(800) 284-4406, www.iccsafe.org
- American Institute of Architects - Seattle
(206) 448-4938, www.aiaseattle.org
- Structural Engineers Assn. of WA
(206) 682-6026, www.seaw.org
- Building Industry Assn. of WA
(360) 352-7800, www.biaaw.com
- Master Builders Assn. of King and Snohomish Counties
(425) 451-7920
www.mba-ks.com

www.seattle.gov/dpd/techcodes



CUSTOMER ALERT

Are You Using the Right Code Citations?

With the arrival of the new International Codes later this year, it is particularly important to have proper code citations on your applications in the "General Notes" section of your plansets.

DPD staff will be reviewing projects for some time that will be under either the current or new codes, which makes clear code citations particularly essential in avoiding delay and confusion.

DPD provides technical support by phone during specific hours Monday-Friday for the following codes:

- **Building Code** - (206) 684-4630. Hours: M-F, 1 pm-4:15 pm
- **Electrical Code** - (206) 684-5383. Hours: M/W/F, 7:30 am-5:30 pm; Tu/Th, 10:30 am-5:30 pm
- **Energy/Mechanical Code** - (206) 684-7846. Hours: M-F, 1 pm-4:15 pm

TECHNICAL CODES

An inside look at the latest technical code developments

Structural Provisions of the Int'l Building Code

Last month's technical codes article focused on heights and areas in the new International Codes. This month we explore the structural provisions in the International Building Code (IBC).

The structural chapters of the International Building Code are Ch. 16-23, which govern general structural design of structures, as well as soils, foundations and materials. They differ from the Uniform Building Code (UBC) in several important ways.

One of the most significant differences is found in Ch. 16. The IBC incorporates the latest seismic design principles, and is based on the American Society of Civil Engineers Standard 7 (ASCE 7). In the IBC, there are no seismic zones; instead, buildings are assigned to a "seismic design category." Generally speaking, seismic design under the IBC is based on more site-specific criteria. Seattle is proposing to adopt code changes approved for the 2006 IBC that delete the "simplified" seismic design provisions. The IBC simplified provisions have been found to be overly long and awkward, and are being replaced by a reference to a simplified seismic design procedure in the ASCE 7.

Design of structures for wind loads is also required to comply with the ASCE 7. The ASCE 7 wind provisions are more complex than the UBC provisions. It is also more site-specific, taking into account local topography and constructed features. A simplified wind load method is available for some structures.

The IBC materials chapters (Ch. 19-23) adopt the most current editions of industry standards. The standards are adopted by reference, greatly reducing the extent of the provisions found in the IBC, but increasing the need for designers to refer to the standards instead of relying entirely on the code. Designers and builders should also note that there are some changes to the provisions for conventional light-frame wood construction.

If you have questions about the new International Codes, visit DPD's new Technical Codes website at www.seattle.gov/dpd/techcodes or contact:

Maureen Traxler, DPD Code Development Analyst Supervisor
(206) 233-3892, maureen.traxler@seattle.gov

2003 Seattle Energy Code Update

The beginning of the public process to adopt the 2003 Seattle Energy Code (2003 Washington State Energy Code with Seattle amendments) was announced in the January 2004 issue of *dpdINFO*. An update on the process was contained in the March 2004 issue. Six public review meetings were held from January to March.

DPD staff has also participated in other meetings to present the recommendations and to solicit comments, including two meetings with ASHRAE and two with BOMA. The initial public review period for written

See **energy code update** on page 8

Inspection Changes for Projects that Involve Ground Disturbance

—Pre-Application Site Visits no longer required for Subject-to-Field-Inspection permits in many instances, effective June 1, 2004

Background

Currently, when permitted construction and development activity in Seattle involves ground disturbance, two distinct requirements become mandatory:

- A Pre-Application Site Visit (PASV)
- A field inspection for erosion control measures at the time of initial ground disturbance.*

Initial ground disturbance inspections are mandatory for all sites that require excavation for foundation work or other site grading activities. The purpose of this inspection is to evaluate temporary erosion control measures required to prevent runoff from transporting siltation to our streams, lakes and Puget Sound.

Change in Requirements

Effective June 1, 2004, the PASV will no longer be required for certain Subject-To-Field-Inspection (STFI) permits. Specifically, the PASV will not be required for permits included in the STFI category that are **outside** the following Environmentally Critical Areas: 1-steep slope, 2-potential slide, 3-riparian corridor, 4-wetland, 8-known landslide, and 9-fish and wildlife habitat. Permit requests **inside** these critical areas will continue to require the PASV prior to submitting the application.

For STFI permits that are exempted from the PASV, an initial ground disturbance inspection will be performed upon request after the permit is issued. Applicants will be charged a one-hour fee, which will be collected at the time of permit issuance as a deposit toward inspections necessary.

This ground disturbance inspection should be requested by the permit holder at the time excavation

for the construction project begins by calling DPD's 24-hour Inspection Request Line at (206) 684-8900. Calls placed prior to 7:00 a.m. on weekdays will be logged for an inspection within 24 hours. The erosion control inspection desk may be reached at (206) 684-8860 between 7:30-8:30 a.m.

Information on required erosion control techniques is available in DPD Director's Rule 16-2000, "Construction Stormwater Control Technical Requirements Manual." If you have questions, contact:

Ken Watanabe, Site Development Sup.
(206) 233-7912
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* Ground disturbance is usually interpreted as meaning excavation by mechanical equipment such as a backhoe or excavator. Hand digging could result in triggering this requirement when the hand dug work results in movement of one-cubic yard or more of material.

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comments closed on February 24. An additional public review period on the economizer provisions and mechanical alterations extended until March 12.

DPD developed a revised draft of proposed revisions in response comments made at the various meetings and written testimony. The DPD Construction Codes Advisory Board (CCAB) reviewed the draft revisions to the Seattle Energy Code at their meetings on March 4 and March 18.

CCAB met on April 8 to vote on their final recommendations: changes to the proposals for mechanical alterations (Section 1132.2), heat recovery (Section

1436.1), equipment sizing limits (Section 1431.2), and how task lighting is treated (Section 1530). Copies of the CCAB Recommendations for Amendments for the 2003 Seattle Energy Code can be downloaded from the Seattle Energy Code website at www.seattle.gov/dpd/energy.

At this point, it looks like DPD will support the CCAB recommendations. Consequently, the key changes proposed address the requirements for alterations to existing mechanical systems, building envelope criteria for semi-heated spaces, mechanical equipment efficiencies, and demand control ventilation for assembly spaces.

The majority of the existing Seattle amendments to the Washington State Energy Code would be

unchanged. As is the case with the current Seattle Energy Code, **no** Seattle **residential** amendments are proposed to the Washington State Energy Code. All of the proposed Seattle amendments are to the **nonresidential** portions.

DPD staff are now working on the ordinance to forward to the Mayor and City Council. For information on City Council consideration of the ordinance, please refer to the "2003 Energy Code Update" link on the Seattle Energy Code website at www.seattle.gov/dpd/energy.

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dpd & mayor's priorities, *cont. from page 1*

Commission panel is reviewing the Alaskan Way Viaduct Environmental Impact Statement.

Priority #2: Keep Our Neighborhoods Safe

Public Safety considerations include the safe construction and maintenance of structures and sites. DPD annually issues over 23,000 land use, construction and construction-related permits. DPD staff have been involved at the national level in the development of construction-related codes, including the new International Building and Residential Codes, which will go into effect in Seattle later this year.

Fire and life safety are significant responsibilities for our reviewers and inspectors, and include fire-rating, exiting, structural integrity, seismic standards, and mitigating potential landside hazards. DPD's compliance staff also respond to over 4,000 complaints each year, enforcing housing and zoning standards vital to the health of our community.

Priority #3: Create Jobs and Opportunity for All

An efficient and effective permit approval and inspection process is vital to the health of Seattle's economy. Construction projects approved by DPD have exceeded \$1 billion in value for each of the past four years. DPD is committed to improving permit-related services, both code and process.

DPD planning staff are also key players in the Mayor's economic revitalization strategies for Northgate, the University District, South Lake Union, Broadway, First Hill, and other neighborhoods.

Priority #4: Build Strong Families and Healthy Communities

Seattle's neighborhoods, from the outlying areas of the city to downtown, deserve planning and development that promotes people first—in their homes, at work, and at play. DPD planners work with Design Review Board members and developers to achieve new projects that enhance neighborhoods.

DPD planning staff work closely with the Seattle Planning Commission on the long-range view of how Seattle should accommodate growth, work with the Seattle Design Commission to secure high quality public projects, and are currently performing major reviews of the Comprehensive Plan and the Environmental Critical Areas ordinance for possible amendments.

DPD planners are also reviewing the Land Use Code requirements for Seattle's neighborhood business districts, working with the community to find ways to protect and enhance their livability and economic vitality.

DPD will continue to look for new ways to support these essential elements of a great city. If you have questions about DPD's work in these areas, please contact:

Alan Justad, DPD Community Relations
(206) 233-3882, alan.justad@seattle.gov

Client Assistance Memo Update

CAM 331, *Environmentally Critical Areas - Tree and Vegetation Removal Permits*, has been updated to clarify State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements and the permit process.

This CAM is available online at www.seattle.gov/dpd/publications/cam/cam331.pdf. A printed copy is available from the DPD Public Resource Center, located on the 20th floor of Key Tower at 700 Fifth Ave, (206) 684-8467.

Checklists & Standards Now Online

DPD's *Checklists and Standards*—the helpful guides that permit applicants use to ensure commonly submitted applications are complete and ready for review at intake—are now available online. They may be downloaded from www.seattle.gov/dpd/asc/checklists.htm in both Word and PDF formats.

New Land Use Code Vendor

The official vendor for printed versions of the Seattle Land Use Code has changed from LexisNexis™ to the Municipal Code Corporation.

DPD is no longer providing correction and update information to LexisNexis™, so be sure to cancel your subscription and place your next order with the Municipal Code Corporation:

Online: www.municode.com

Email: dist@mail.municode.com

Phone: (800) 262-2633

Primary Contact: Dana Martin, Ext. 245

Backup Contact: Patrick Holiday, Ext. 226

Green Roof Tour

Saturday, May 8

10 a.m.-5 p.m. on various roofs
in North and South Seattle

For details contact:

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HOW TO REACH US AT DPD

Permits

General Applications (<i>Applicant Svcs Ctr</i>).....	206-684-8850
Design Review Program.....	233-3823
Drainage & Sewer Review (<i>incl side sewer</i>).....	684-5362
Land Use Reviewers (<i>post-application only</i> *).....	684-8875
Master Use Permits.....	684-8467
Plans Routing.....	684-8169
Over-the-Counter (OTC) Permits.....	684-8464
Plumbing & Gas Piping Permits.....	684-5198
Sign Permits.....	684-8419

Inspections

Inspection Requests: General	684-8900
Inspectors: General.....	684-8950
Site/erosion control (<i>includes pre-construction</i> <i>conferences & first ground disturbance</i>).....	684-8860

Planning

CityDesign (urban design office)	615-1349
Comprehensive Planning	233-0079
Land Use Policy	684-8880
Seattle Design Commission	615-1349
Seattle Planning Commission	684-0433

Administration

Office of the Director.....	684-8899
Community Relations.....	233-3891
Accounting.....684-7716	Billing 684-4175

Code Violation Complaint Hotline

Construction, Housing & Land Use Complaints ... 684-7899

Information

General Department Information	684-8600
Applicant Services Center (ASC)	684-8850
Hours: M,W,F: 7:30 am-5:30 pm; Tu,Th: 10:30 am-5:30 pm	
Census Data (<i>population & demographics</i>)	615-0483
Code Compliance (<i>enforcement info</i>)	615-0808
Events & Classes.....	684-8443
GIS Maps & Services	684-0965
Licensing & Testing (<i>gas piping, steam eng, refrig</i>).....	684-5174
Media Relations	233-3891
Microfilm Library	233-5180
Property Owner/Tenant Assistance.....	684-7899
Public Resource Center (PRC)	684-8467

Hours: M,W,Th,F: 8 am-5 pm Tu: 10 am-5 pm

Publications.....	684-8467
Site Development.....	233-7232
Sustainable Building.....	684-0806
Tech Support: Building Code (1-4:15 pm)	684-4630
Tech Support: Electrical Code (<i>see ASC hours</i>)	684-5383
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